

Remarks

Objections to the Specification

The Office Action makes three objections to the specification. First, the Office Action objects to the title as not descriptive and suggests “Methods and Compositions for Treating Urological Disorders Using Carboxypeptidase Z Identified as 8263.” Applicants have made the requested change.

Second, the Office Action requests that the priority information be updated to reflect only Serial No. 60/491,156 filed July 30, 2003. The priority information has been updated.

Third, the Office Action objects to the abstract because it appears to describe 8,263 transcripts. The abstract has been amended essentially as suggested.

Please withdraw the objections.

Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7, and 23 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 7, and 23 as indefinite because “it is unclear how ‘determining the effect’ identifies a compound capable of treating urinary incontinence.” Office Action, item 8. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a step of “identifying the compound as capable of treating urinary incontinence if the compound reduces urinary incontinence in the animal model.” The specification supports this amendment, *inter alia*, in paragraph [0361].

Please withdraw the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,
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